THE MYSTERY OF THE HOLY TRINITY

WE BELIEVE IN ONE GOD, WHO EXISTS IN THREE PERSONS: FATHER, SON & HOLY SPIRIT. This is one of the basic dogmas of our Holy Orthodox Church. As children, we accept this readily with our simplistic, yet pure faith. As adults, however, this "3 in 1" concept is often a source of confusion and misunderstanding.

St. Cyril, the famous Apostle of the Slavs, attempted to explain the Holy Trinity in this manner: "Do you see in the heavens the sun and how from it light is begotten and warmth proceeds? God the Father is like the sun, without beginning or end. From Him is eternally begotten God the Son, like the light from the sun. Just as there comes warmth together with light from the sun, the Holy Spirit proceeds. Each one is distinguished separately. There are not three suns, but one in the heavens. So it is with the Holy Trinity: there are three Persons, but God is One and Indivisible."

The Orthodox Church teaches that all three Persons have the same divine dignity. They are different only in that GOD THE FATHER is not begotten and does not proceed from anyone; GOD THE SON is begotten of God the Father, and the HOLY SPIRIT proceeds from the Father. All eternally abide with one another in unceasing love and make up one Being. Confused? Perhaps the words of Blessed Augustine, the great Church Father of the West, are all we need to understand: "You will see the Trinity if you look with the eyes of love." Yes, we can know the Mystery of the Holy Trinity much better if we use our heart rather than our mind!

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Ephesians 4:4-6

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all."



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Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
(Closed noon-1pm for lunch)

Sunday Services
Orthros 8:30 AM
Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM

Orthros Liturgy

Epistle
1 Corinthians 4:9-16

Gospel
Matthew 10:32-33, 37-38; 19:27-30

Attendance
6/23/24
210

Upcoming Memorials

July 14
3-Yr. Memorial & Coffee Hour - Nick Koinoglou and George Vellios

July 21
10-Yr. Memorial - Evelyn Romeo
3-Yr. Memorial - Thamy Greenbaum

July 28
40-Day Memorial & Coffee Hour - Athena Pergins

Condolences

Sylvia Eliopoulos, age 94, fell asleep in the Lord on June 21, 2024 in Naples, Florida.

George El-Bardawil fell asleep in the Lord on June 25, 2024 in Lebanon.



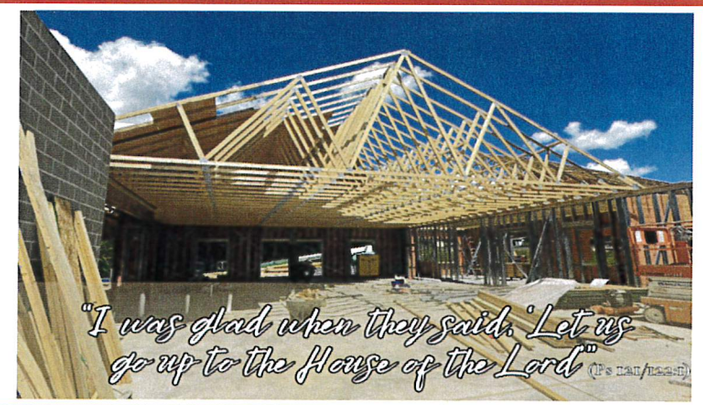
May their memory be eternal!

Orthodoxy 101 and 201 Classes



Sign up sheets are at the pangari for anyone interested in taking our Orthodoxy 101 or 201 (New this fall) Classes this fall. Classes begin on Wednesday, September 4 at 7:00 PM. See Father Nick for further information or any questions.

Greek Orthodox New Metropolis Center update

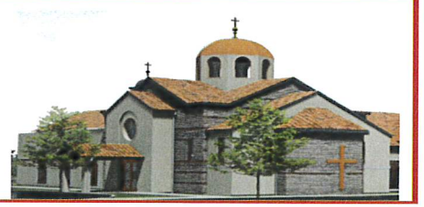


Latest Construction News

We are thrilled to see such tremendous progress during June. We have a section of the offices, meeting room, basement and back porch now under roof!

We are also excited to announce that the chapel dome support structure is now two stories high.

If you happen to be in the area and curious to see construction developments, please take the time to visit the site. The address is 100 Enterprise Road, Washington, PA 15301.





NOTICE: Bible Study will resume on August 7, 2024.

PAN-ORTHODOX VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

SUPER SAINTS
Heroes of our Faith



JULY 8-12, 2024
Ages 4-16 9am-12pm

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
1118 Cherry St. NE
Canton, OH 44704

Register Online

The 47th Annual Grecian Festival at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church is on July 17, 18, 19, & 20. Come join us for lunch and/or dinner during these dates! Join us for outdoor activities of Food Booths and Vendors from 4pm - 10pm on Wednesday, July 17th and 11am–10pm on Thursday, and 11am-11pm Friday and Saturday. Enjoy Gyros, Souvlaki, Beer & Wine, Greek Pastries, Loukoumathes, Saganaki & More!!! **DRIVE THRU AND CARRY OUT AVAILABLE!** There will be Entertainment and Music each day, as well as opportunities to tour our Church Facility.

The ***Festival Taverna & Gyro Booth have sign up sheets outside the Church Office.*** Workers are needed both for Lunch and Dinner and in between each day. Please sign up for a day or two if you are able! For any questions, please contact Sally Rath for the Taverna at 330-705-2663.

Volunteers are needed to help set up, take down, work in the kitchen, booths, food lines, and sell many items. Please consider volunteering your time, talents, or treasures!

Donation cards AND Sponsorship sheets are still available outside the Church Office to help defray the costs of our Festival. We want to keep our Grecian Festival the most popular Festival in Stark County and growing positively. **Our 2024 Donation Goal is $40,000.**



Information can be found on the bulletin board outside the church office.

Calendar for the Week

All Services are streaming online @ *www.htgoc.net/live*

Sunday, June 30
Summer Camp Week #3
3-Yr. Anna Karvounides/23-Yr. Yianni Karvounides and 2-Yr. Michalena Kalaitsides & Family Memorials & Coffee Hour 11:30 AM
Archdiocese Clergy-Laity Congress in San Diego, CA - Father Nick Attending

Monday, July 1
Apostles Fast Begins
Father Nick at Clergy-Laity CA
Sr. Dance Troupe 6:30 PM

Tuesday, July 2
Father Nick at Clergy-Laity CA
No Scheduled Events

Wednesday, July 3
Father Nick at Clergy-Laity CA
No Scheduled Events

Thursday, July 4
Independence Day
OFFICE CLOSED
Father Nick at Clergy-Laity CA



Friday, July 5
No Scheduled Events

Saturday, July 6
No Scheduled Events

Sunday, July 7
Summer Camp Week #4
Father Nick at Camp
Choir Sponsored Coffee Hour

NO CASH? NO PROBLEM!
Scan code with smart phone to make a payment instantly!
SCAN ME

NOTICE:
Father Nick will be out of the office June 30 - July 4 and July 7-13.

Resurrectional Apolytikion.
Mode pl. 4.

You descended from on high, O compassionate One, and consented to a three-day burial, to free us from the passions. O Lord, our life and resurrection, glory to You!

For the Apostles.
Mode 3.

O holy Apostles, make intercession to our merciful God, that He grant our souls forgiveness of offenses.

For the Saints.
Mode 4.

Your Church is arrayed in the holy blood of Your Martyrs who witnessed throughout the world, as though in purple and fine linen. Through them she cries to You, Christ our God, “Send down to Your people Your tender love, grant peace from above to Your commonwealth, and to our souls Your great mercy.”

Apolytikion of Our Church
Mode pl. 4.

Blessed are You, O Christ our God; Who did show forth the fishermen to be all-wise, by sending down upon them the Holy Spirit. And through them You drew the world into Your net, O Friend of man, glory to You!

Kontakion of the Feast.
Mode pl. 4. *Automelon.*

O Planter of creation, Lord, to You does the entire world bring as an offering the God-bearing martyr Saints, as being nature’s first fruits. At their earnest entreaties, keep Your Church in a state of profoundest peace, through the Theotokos, O Lord abundantly merciful.

St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16

Prokeimenon. Mode Plagal 4
Psalm 18.4,1

Their voice has gone out into all the earth.
Verse: The heavens declare the glory of God.

The reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 4:9-16

Brethren, God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, like men sentenced to death; because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to men. We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honor, but we in disrepute. To the present hour we hunger and thirst, we are ill-clad and buffeted and homeless, and we labor, working with our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; when slandered, we try to conciliate; we have become, and are now, as the refuse of the world, the off-scouring of all things. I do not write this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers. For I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

The Gospel According to Matthew 10:32-33; 37-38; 19:27-30

The Lord said to his disciples, "Every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny him before my Father who is in heaven. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me." Then Peter said in reply, "Lo, we have left everything and followed you. What then shall we have?" Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, in the new world, when the Son of man shall sit on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life. But many that are first will be last, and the last first."

Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον.
Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Ἐξ ὕψους κατῆλθες ὁ Εὔσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν κατεδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν. Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

Τῶν Ἀποστόλων.
Ἦχος γ΄.

Ἀπόστολοι Ἅγιοι, πρεσβεύσατε τῷ ἐλεήμονι Θεῷ, ἵνα πταισμάτων ἄφεσιν, παράσχῃ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν.

Τῶν Ἁγίων.
Ἦχος δ΄.

Τῶν ἐν ὅλῳ τῷ κόσμῳ Μαρτύρων σου, ὡς πορφύραν καὶ βύσσον τὰ αἵματα, ἡ Ἐκκλησία σου στολισαμένη, δι' αὐτῶν βοᾷ σοι· Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, τῷ λαῷ σου τοὺς οἰκτιρμούς σου κατάπεμψον, εἰρήνην τῇ πολιτείᾳ σου δώρησαι, καὶ ταῖς ψυχαῖς ἡμῶν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

Τοῦ Ναοῦ.
Ἦχος πλ. δ΄.

Εὐλογητὸς εἶ Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, ὁ πανσόφους τοὺς ἁλιεῖς ἀναδείξας, καταπέμψας αὐτοῖς τὸ Πνεῦμα τὸ Ἅγιον, καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τὴν οἰκουμένην σαγηνεύσας, Φιλάνθρωπε, δόξα σοι.

Κοντάκιον τῆς Ἑορτῆς.
Ἦχος πλ. δ΄. *Αὐτόμελον.*

Ὡς ἀπαρχὰς τῆς φύσεως, τῷ φυτουργῷ τῆς κτίσεως, ἡ οἰκουμένη προσφέρει σοι Κύριε, τοὺς θεοφόρους Μάρτυρας· ταῖς αὐτῶν ἱκεσίαις, ἐν εἰρήνῃ βαθείᾳ, τὴν Ἐκκλησίαν σου, διὰ τῆς Θεοτόκου συντήρησον, πολυέλεε

Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' 4:9-16

Προκείμενον. Ήχος πλ. δ'
ΨΑΛΜΟΙ 18.4,1
Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος αὐτῶν.
Στίχ. Οἱ οὐρανοὶ διηγοῦνται δόξαν Θεοῦ.

Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' 4:9-16 τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Ἀδελφοί, ὁ θεὸς ἡμᾶς τοὺς ἀποστόλους ἐσχάτους ἀπέδειξεν ὡς ἐπιθανατίους· ὅτι θέατρον ἐγενήθημεν τῷ κόσμῳ, καὶ ἀγγέλοις, καὶ ἀνθρώποις. Ἡμεῖς μωροὶ διὰ Χριστόν, ὑμεῖς δὲ φρόνιμοι ἐν Χριστῷ· ἡμεῖς ἀσθενεῖς, ὑμεῖς δὲ ἰσχυροί· ὑμεῖς ἔνδοξοι, ἡμεῖς δὲ ἄτιμοι. Ἄχρι τῆς ἄρτι ὥρας καὶ πεινῶμεν, καὶ διψῶμεν, καὶ γυμνητεύομεν, καὶ κολαφιζόμεθα, καὶ ἀστατοῦμεν, καὶ κοπιῶμεν ἐργαζόμενοι ταῖς ἰδίαις χερσίν· λοιδορούμενοι εὐλογοῦμεν· διωκόμενοι ἀνεχόμεθα· βλασφημούμενοι παρακαλοῦμεν· ὡς περικαθάρματα τοῦ κόσμου ἐγενήθημεν, πάντων περίψημα ἕως ἄρτι. Οὐκ ἐντρέπων ὑμᾶς γράφω ταῦτα, ἀλλ' ὡς τέκνα μου ἀγαπητὰ νουθετῶ. Ἐὰν γὰρ μυρίους παιδαγωγοὺς ἔχητε ἐν Χριστῷ, ἀλλ' οὐ πολλοὺς πατέρας· ἐν γὰρ Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ διὰ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου ἐγὼ ὑμᾶς ἐγέννησα. Παρακαλῶ οὖν ὑμᾶς, μιμηταί μου γίνεσθε.

Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 10:32-33, 37-38, 19:27-30 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Εἶπεν ὁ Κύριος τοῖς ἑαυτοῦ μαθηταῖς· Πᾶς οὖν ὅστις ὁμολογήσει ἐν ἐμοὶ ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ὁμολογήσω κἀγὼ ἐν αὐτῷ ἔμπροσθεν τοῦ πατρός μου τοῦ ἐν οὐρανοῖς. ὅστις δ' ἂν ἀρνήσηταί με ἔμπροσθεν τῶν ἀνθρώπων, ἀρνήσομαι αὐτὸν κἀγὼ ἔμπροσθεν τοῦ πατρός μου τοῦ ἐν οὐρανοῖς. ῾Ο φιλῶν πατέρα ἢ μητέρα ὑπὲρ ἐμὲ οὐκ ἔστι μου ἄξιος· καὶ ὁ φιλῶν υἱὸν ἢ θυγατέρα ὑπὲρ ἐμὲ οὐκ ἔστι μου ἄξιος· καὶ ὃς οὐ λαμβάνει τὸν σταυρὸν αὐτοῦ καὶ ἀκολουθεῖ ὀπίσω μου, οὐκ ἔστι μου ἄξιος. Τότε ἀποκριθεὶς ὁ Πέτρος εἶπεν αὐτῷ· ἰδοὺ ἡμεῖς ἀφήκαμεν πάντα καὶ ἠκολουθήσαμέν σοι· τί ἄρα ἔσται ἡμῖν; ὁ δὲ ᾽Ιησοῦς εἶπεν αὐτοῖς· ἀμὴν λέγω ὑμῖν ὅτι ὑμεῖς οἱ ἀκολουθήσαντές μοι, ἐν τῇ παλιγγενεσίᾳ, ὅταν καθίσῃ ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ ἀνθρώπου ἐπὶ θρόνου δόξης αὐτοῦ, καθίσεσθε καὶ ὑμεῖς ἐπὶ δώδεκα θρόνους κρίνοντες τὰς δώδεκα φυλὰς τοῦ ᾽Ισραήλ. καὶ πᾶς ὃς ἀφῆκεν οἰκίας ἢ ἀδελφοὺς ἢ ἀδελφὰς ἢ πατέρα ἢ μητέρα ἢ γυναῖκα ἢ τέκνα ἢ ἀγροὺς ἕνεκεν τοῦ ὀνόματός μου, ἑκατονταπλασίονα λήψεται καὶ ζωὴν αἰώνιον κληρονομήσει. Πολλοὶ δὲ ἔσονται πρῶτοι ἔσχατοι καὶ ἔσχατοι πρῶτοι.